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PSYCHIATRIC TEST OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any psychiatric test of personnel of Defence Forces in order to find ways to relieve them of mental stress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the personnel on whom such test was conducted were found mentally fit;

(d) if not, the number of personnel declared mentally unfit; and

(e) the number of personnel who have been discharged from the Defence Forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) No specific psychiatric test of personnel of Defence Forces has been carried out. However, health status of the troops is monitored by regular and periodic medical examinations. Anybody who is found to exhibit features of psychiatric ailments or stress disorders is referred for psychiatric evaluation and followed up.

(b) to (d): In view of reply to part (a) above, question does not arise.

(e) The number of personnel who have been discharged from service during 2004, 2005 and 2006 on account of mental disorders including cases of Psychosis, neurosis, personality disorders, adjustment disorders, alcohol dependence syndrome, depression etc. is as follows:-

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force
2004	350	7	49
2005	405	7	39
2006	508	15	35